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WILLIAM GIBBS, OF LEXINGTON, MASS.

I. ROBERT GYBBES of Honyngton, Warwickshire, gentleman, was enfeoffed with the manor of Honyngton, April 28, 1540, and died August 10, 1558.

II. ROBERT GIBBS of Honington, Esq., son and heir of the preceding, was born about 1528; married Margery, daughter of Humphrey Prideaux of Adeston and Thuborough, Devon, Esq., and was living in 1584.

III. Sir RALPH GIBBS, knight, son of Robert Gibbs, Esq., was living in 1607.

His sons were (1.) Sir Henry Gibbs, knight, mentioned below. (2.) Charles Gibbs, D. D., prebendary of Winchester, sixth son, born Nov. 4, 1604; died Sept. 16, 1681.

His daughters were (1.) Mary, who married Sir Walter Raleigh, nephew of the famous Sir Walter Raleigh. (2.) Jane, who married Francis Hawley. (3.) Unton, who married Sir Edward Dering, baronet, and died in 1676.

IV. Sir HENRY GIBBS, knight, son of Sir Ralph Gibbs, married Elizabeth, fifth daughter of Sir Thomas Temple, of Stow, Bucks, and died about 1688, (1658?) aged about 70.

His children were (1.) Thomas, who succeeded to the Honington estates, and left issue. (2.) Henry, who was of Halford in Warwickshire, and left issue. (3.) Ralph, who was of Whaddon, county of Bucks, and left issue. (4.) Robert, mentioned below. (5.) John, who was of the island of Barbadoes, and left issue.

V. ROBERT GIBBS, fourth son of Sir Henry Gibbs, was born about 1634; came to Boston in New England between 1657 and 1660, where he became a distinguished merchant.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Sheafe, merchant of Boston, and Margaret his wife, Sept. 7, 1660. Their children were

1. Margaret, born May 13, 1663; died young.
2. Robert, born Sept. 20, 1665; married Mary Shrimpton, May 19, 1692; died Dec. 8, 1702.
3. Henry, born Oct. 8, 1668. See below.
4. Jacob, born Feb. 18, 1672; died unmarried.

Robert Gibbs, merchant, died about Dec. 1674.

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Elizabeth, widow of Robert Gibbs, married Hon. Jonathan Corwin, of Salem, Mar. 20, 1676, by whom she had the following children; (1.) Elizabeth, born May 5, 1678. (2.) Margaret, born April 15, 1679. (3.) Sarah, born Aug. 12, 1680. (4.) Jonathan, born Oct. 2, 1681. (5.) George, born May 21, 1683. (6.) John, born June 9, 1684. (7.) Margaret, born Nov. 30, 1685. (8.) Anna, born Aug. [illegible], 1687. (9.) Jonathan, born Sept. 15, 1689. (10.) Harbert, born Dec. 15, 1690.

Hon. Jonathan Corwin died June 9, 1718.

Elizabeth, his widow, died Aug. 29, 1718.

VI. Henry Gibbs, son of Robert and Elizabeth Gibbs, was born Oct. 8, 1668; graduated at Harvard College in 1686; married Mercy, (born Feb. 16, 1665,) daughter of William and Elizabeth Greenough, June 9, 1692; was ordained pastor of the East Parish in Watertown, Oct. 6, 1697, in which station he continued until his death. His children were

1. Elizabeth, born Jan. 12, 1696; died May 6, 1706.

2. Mercy, born Dec. 23, 1696; married Rev. Benjamin Prescott of Salem; died Dec. 18, 1744.

3. Margaret, born July 3, 1699; married Rev. Nathaniel Appleton of Cambridge; died Jan. 17, 1771.

4. Henry, born Mar. 16, 1702; died Sept. 16, 1703.

5. William, born July 11, 1704; was drowned Aug. 10, 1715.

6. Mehetable, born Jan. 8, 1706; married Benjamin Marston, Esq., of Salem, June 24, 1725; died without issue, Aug. 21, 1727.

7. Henry, born May 13, 1709. See below.

Mercy, wife of Rev. Henry Gibbs, died Jan. 26, 1716.

Rev. Henry Gibbs died Oct. 21, 1723.

The published sermons of Rev. Henry Gibbs are

1. Artillery Election Sermon. Boston, 1704. 16mo.

2. Bethany: or House of Mourning. 1714. See Prince's MS. Cat. of N. E. Library.

3. The Blessedness of those whose sins are forgiven. Boston, 1721.

4. Godly Children their Parents' Joy. Boston, 1727.

VII. Henry Gibbs, son of Rev. Henry and Mercy Gibbs, was born at Watertown, May 13, 1709; graduated at Harvard College in 1726; entered into mercantile business at Salem; was appointed a justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Essex, in 1754; was a representative of the town of Salem to the General Court for several years; and was also Clerk of the House.

He married (1.) Margaret Fitch, daughter of Rev. Jabez Fitch of Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 31, 1739, by whom he had the following children;

1. Margaret, born Dec. 14, 1739 ; died about 1746 or 1747.

2. Mercy, born June 15, 1741 ; died Oct. 10, 1756.

Margaret, wife of Henry Gibbs, Esq., died Nov. 7, 1742.

Henry Gibbs, Esq., married (2.) Katharine Willard, (born Sept. 28, 1724,) daughter of Hon. Josiah and Katharine Willard, May 28, 1747 ; by whom he had the following children ;

1. Henry, born May 7, 1749. See below.

2. Josiah Willard, born Sept. 30, 1752 ; married Elizabeth Warner, Oct. 1779 ; died Feb. 24, 1822.

3. William, born May 4, 1757 ; died unmarried, May 22, 1829.

Henry Gibbs, Esq., died Feb. 17, 1759.

Katharine, his widow, died May 31, 1769.

VIII. Henry Gibbs, son of Henry and Katharine Gibbs, was born May 7, 1749 ; graduated at Harvard College in 1766 ; taught school for several years successively at Rowley, Newcastle, N. H., and Lynn ; afterwards entered into mercantile business at Salem. He married Mercy Prescott, daughter of Benjamin and Rebekah Prescott. Their children were

1. Henry, born May 17, 1783 ; died, 1791.

2. William, born Feb. 17, 1785. See below.

3. Marcia, born, 178– ; died Nov. 17, 1791.

4. Josiah Willard, born April 30, 1790 ; married Mary Anna Van Cleve, of Princeton, N. J., Sept. 30, 1830.

5. Henry, born Sept. 1793 ; married Anna Evans, of Philadelphia.

Henry Gibbs died June 29, 1794.

Mercy, his widow, died May 19, 1809.

IX. William Gibbs, son of Henry and Mercy Gibbs, was born at Salem, Feb. 17, 1785 ; studied the Latin and Greek languages under Masters Bancroft, Kendall, and Parker ; visited England in 1807 ; resided at Salem until 1832, at Concord until 1834 ; and now (1845) resides at Lexington. He married Mercy Barrett, (born at Concord, Sept. 1783,) daughter of Peter and Mary Barrett, . . . 1811. They had five children.

1. William Prescott, born Aug. 5, 1812. See below.

2. Henry, born . . . died at Litchfield, N. H., April, 1835.

3. Mercy Elizabeth, born

4. Stephen Barrett, born . . . died at Litchfield, N. H., April, 1835.

5. Mary, born March 19, 1818.

Mercy, wife of William Gibbs, died at Concord, Feb. 1833.

X. William Prescott Gibbs, son of William and Mercy Gibbs, was born at Salem, Aug. 5, 1812 ; entered Harvard College in 1828, where he was graduated in 1832 ; was a student in the Law School at Cambridge ; and now (1845) resides at Lexington.

Extracts relating to the Gibbses of Honington.

Taken from *Dugdale's Warwickshire.*

"Kineton Hundred. Honington. This is one of those towns that Earl *Leofrik*, in the first year of King *Edward* the Confessor's reign, gave to the Monastery of Coventre at the Foundation thereof, and in the Conqueror's time was rated at 5 hides having 4 Mills yielding liv *s.* iv *d. per annum;* but the whole value is, by the Survey then made, certified at x *li.* wherein it is written Hunitone: From which time forwards, till the generall dissolution of the Monasteries, it did continue to that Religious house, so that there is not much remarkable thereof, other than that in 33. *H.* 3. [1248] the Monks demised it unto *Raph de Leicestre*, Canon of Lichfield, to hold during his life, together with the advowson of the Church; and that in 41. *H.* 3. [1256] they obtained a Charter[a] of Free warren in all their demesn lands here: As also[e] that the Tenants thereof, besides their severall Rents, performed sundry services, every other day from the Feast of St. *John Baptist* till *Michaelmasse;* but if the Lord would imploy them in mowing before *Midsummer* day, then to allow them for their work: for which services they were to have one Mutton, or viii *d.* with viii. loaves of Bread, and a Cheese, as also iv *d.* in money, they being to carry Hay out of the Lord's meadow, and to mow with one man a piece for a day and a half: and moreover, that each of them should come to the Lord's Reap with all his family, excepting his Wife, where he was to reap two lands and carry them; but to perform no other service for that day: and likewise plow four times in the year, *scil.* two selions a piece; as also sow and harrow the same, having seed found at the Lord's barn; and lastly to harrow two days a piece, giving x. eggs and i *d.* for every Alehouse, and repair the Lord's Pool as often as need should require. All which said Tenants were to pay unto the Lord xvii *s.* iv *d.* for antient aid, and for carriage of Fish iii *s.* iv *d. per annum.* As also vi *s.* viii *d.* for maintenance of his Corn Cart; and every two yard land to carry one load of wood from Packwood to this town: in which week they should do no other work: but none of them to sell his Horse-Colt without License of the Lord. The Cottiers, being xvi. in number, did then also perform such like services; every one of them paying four Hens, one Cock, and five Eggs, which they were to carry unto Coventre. Of these Freeholders was Nicholas Trimenell, the chief, who held[f] seven yard land of said Monks by the

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a Cart. 41. H. 3. m. 4.

e Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 108 b. &c.

f Inq. per H. Nott. &c. f. 109 b.

service of the tenth part of a Knight's Fee. All which before specified, was with the Rectory and Advouson of the Vikaridge in consideration of 786 *li.* 07*s.* 06*d.* past[g] to *Robert Gybbes* of HONYNGTON, Gentleman, and his heirs, 28. A*pr.* 32. *H.* 8. [1540] to hold in *Capite* by the tenth part of Knight's Fee, paying 04 *li.* 07*s.* 04*d.* *ob.* yearly to the King, his heirs and successors. Which *Robert* dyed[h] seized thereof 10. *Aug.* 5. *&* 6. *Ph. & M.* [1558] leaving isssue *Robert* his son and heir 30 years of age, who was the father of Sir *Ralph Gibbs*, Knight, and he of Sir *Henry Gibbs*, that enjoyed it [in *ann.* 1640. It was afterwards purchased by Sir *Henry Parker*, Bart., who built here a handsome Seat, and rebuilt the Church, and lies buried in it.]"

"Patroni Ecclesiæ Incumbentes, et tempora Instit. de Honyton, vel Honington.

Patroni Vicariæ.	Incumbentes, et tempora Instit.
Rob. Gibbs de Honington ar.	*D. Joh. Heynes Cler.* xxvi *Oct.* 1584. [*v. p. r.*]
Rad. Gibbs ar.	*Georgius Ball Cler.* ix. Martii 1600. [*v. p. res.* Thom. Colley. *Cl.*]
Rad. Gibbs miles.	*Thomas Brownent Cler.* xxiii *Jan.* 1607. [*v. p. r.*]
[*Henry Gibbs mil.*	*Ric. Barlowe Cler. A. B.* xxii Nov. 1643. [*v. p. m.* T. Brownent.]"

"Kineton Hundred. Bradmore. This place taking its name from the flat and low situation thereof, is a member of HONINGTON. . . . . By the Act of Dissolution in 30 H. 8. it came with HONINGTON to the Crown, as parcell of the lands belonging to the Priory of COVENTRE: and so being involved with that Mannour in the Patent to Robert Gibbs, was in 1640 the inheritance of Sir *Henry Gibbs* before specified."

ANCESTRY OF ELIZABETH, WIFE OF SIR HENRY GIBBS.

Taken from *A. Collins's Peerage of England*, Vol. IV. pp. 247—253.

1. LEOFRICK, Earl of Mercia, who, as his earldom contained the counties of Chester, Leicester, &c., was sometimes styled Earl of Chester, and also of Leicester; and, according to Sir William Dugdale, was a descendant from Leofrick, Earl of Leicester in the time of Ethelbald, who succeeded to the Mercian throne, A. D. 716. The first mentioned Leofrick died on August 31, 1057, (16 Edw. Confessor,) and was buried at Coventry, in a convent, which he built about the beginning of the reign of the said Edward the Confessor, and en-

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g Pat. 32. H. 8. p. 7.

h Esc. 1 Eliz.

dowed with no less than twenty-four lordships, and which probably gave name to that city. He married the famous Godiva. . . . . Leofrick by his Countess, who was daughter of Thorold, a sheriff of Lincolnshire, had three sons, Algar, Earl of Mercia, who died in 1059; Montgomery; and Henry.

2. This Henry was living in the reign of William the Conqueror, and was wrote Henry del Temple, from a manor so called near Bosworth in Leicestershire. His descendants bore the arms of the Earls of Leicester, viz. Or, an Eagle displayed, sable, membered and beaked gules; which were appendant to a deed to the abbey of Polworth in Warwickshire, as Mr. Burton affirms in his description of Leicestershire, who has made it appear that the family had their surname from the said manor of Temple, which, according to him, the Earls of Leicester gave to the Knights Templars, and they to this Henry, styled *of great account and livelihood in those parts.* This Henry del Temple left issue Geffry.

3. Geffry had a son John.

4. John was living in the reign of King Henry I. and was succeeded by his son, Henry de Temple.

5. Henry de Temple, by his wife Maud, daughter of Sir John Ribbesford, Knt. had Henry de Temple.

6. Henry de Temple was lord of the manors of Temple and Little Shepey in the reign of King John, and was father of Richard.

7. Richard de Temple married Catherine, daughter of Thomas Langley, and was father of Nicholas de Temple.

8. Nicholas de Temple, who 14 Edw. II. gave lands to the abbey of Maraval in Warwickshire. This Nicholas by his wife —— daughter of Sir Roger Corbet of Sibbeston in Leicestershire, Knt. had Richard his heir.

9. Richard Temple married Agnes, daughter of Sir Ralph Stanley, and by her was father of Nicholas.

10. Nicholas Temple wedded Maud, daughter of John Burguillon of Newton in the county of Leicester, and by her had Robert his son and heir.

11. Robert Temple is mentioned in deeds, 9 Hen. V. and 3 Hen. VI. and having married Joan, daughter of William Shepey of Great Shepey, in Leicestershire, was by her father of three sons, Nicholas, (who died in 1506;) Robert, (father of Richard Temple of Burton under Needwood in Staffordshire;) and Thomas, mentioned below. With her he also had the manor of Great Shepey, as also Cunston, Bilston, and Atterton, in the same county.

12. Thomas Temple was seated at Whitney in Oxfordshire, and having married Mary, daughter of Thomas Gedney, Esq., left William.

13. William Temple, his son and heir, wedded Isabel, daughter and heir of Henry Everton, Esq., and by her was father of Thomas.

14. Thomas Temple of Whitney espoused Alice, daughter and heir of John Heritage of Burton Derset in Warwickshire, and by her had two sons, Robert Temple of Whitney, and Peter Temple.

15. Peter Temple, 7 Edw. VI. had a grant of the manor of Merston Boteler in the county of Warwick, being then wrote of Dersert in the same county; and also purchased the said manor of Dersert in 2 Eliz. This Peter was likewise owner of the manor of Stow in Buckinghamshire, where his descendants fixed their residence. He wedded Millicent, daughter of William Jekyll of Newington in Middlesex, and by her who was buried at Stow, Dec. 6, 1582, was father of two sons, John, hereafter mentioned, and Anthony, father of Sir William Temple. According to the inscription on his sepulchral marble (on which there have also been two portraitures) in the church of Derset, he died at Stow, on May 28, 1577.

16. John Temple, their eldest son, who took to wife Susan, daughter and heir of Thomas Spencer, of Everton in Northamptonshire, Esq., and by her had six sons, and six daughters, as appears by an English inscription on a monument in the church of Derset, where the said John and Susan lie interred. Under the abovementioned English inscription, are these lines in Latin:

Cur liberos hic plurimos,
Cur hic amicos plurimos,
Et plurimas pecunias,
Vis scire cur reliquerit?
Tempellus *ad plures abiit.*

His sons were, Sir Thomas, of whom hereafter; George, who died an infant; John Temple, of Franckton in Warwickshire; Sir Alexander Temple, of Longhouse in the parish of Chadwell, in Essex; William Temple, who married Jane, daughter of Sir Thomas Beaumont, of Stoughton, Knt. and Peter Temple, who espoused ——— daughter of ——— Kendal.

Of the daughters, Millicent was wife of Edward Saunders, of Bricksworth in Northamptonshire, Esq.; Dorothy of Paul Risley, of Chetwood in Buckinghamshire, Esq.; Catherine of Sir Nicholas Parker, of Willington in Sussex, Knt.; Susanna, of Sir Thomas Denton, of Hillesden, in Bucks, Knt.; Mary, of John Farmer, of Cokeham, in Berkshire, and Elizabeth of William Lord Say and Sele.

17. Sir Thomas Temple, the eldest son, succeeded his father at Stow, and had the greatest part of the estate. He was knighted by King James I. in June, 1603, at Sir John Fortescue's in Buckinghamshire ; and at the institution of the order of Baronets, on May 22, 1611, was advanced to that dignity. He wedded Esther, daughter of Miles Sandys, of Latimers in Buckinghamshire, Esq. ; and by her was father of four sons and nine daughters, who lived to be married, and so exceedingly multiplied, that his Lady, who survived him, saw seven hundred descended from her. This is affirmed by Dr. Thomas Fuller, in his Worthies of England, who relates, that he bought the truth thereof by a wager lost on the subject. This Esther Lady Temple (of whom there is an original picture at Stow) far surpassed Mrs. Honeywood of Marks-hall in Essex (mentioned by Dr. Derham, and by Mr. Hearn, in his preface to the fifth volume of Leland's Itinerary) who lived to see three hundred and sixty seven descendants of her own body, for Lady Temple saw many more, the last of whom, viz. the daughter of Sir Henry Gibbs, of Hunnington in Warwickshire, died in December, 1737, in extreme old age.

Sir Thomas's four sons were, 1. Sir Peter Temple, Knt. and Baronet, his successor ; 2. Sir John Temple, Knt. who married Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Edmund Lee, of Stanton-Barry in Bucks, Esq. ; and had several sons and daughters ; 3. Thomas Temple, LL. D. who married, and had issue ; and, 4. Miles Temple, who also married, and had issue. His nine daughters were, 1. Susan, married to Sir Edward Clark, of Ardington in Berkshire, Knt. ; 2. Hesther, to Sir John Rous, of Rous-Linch in com. Wigorn. Knt. ; 3. Bridget, to Sir John Lenthall, of Creslow, in com. Oxon. Knt. ; 4. Martha, to Sir Thomas Peniston, of Leigh in Sussex, Bart. She died Jan. 14, 1619, and is buried at Stow ; 5. Elizabeth, to Sir Henry Gibbs, of Hunnington in Warwickshire ; 6. Catherine, to Sir William Ashcomb, of Avelscot in Oxfordshire, Knt. ; 7. Anne, to Sir William Andrews, of Lathbury in Buckinghamshire ; 8. Margaret, to Sir Edward Longville, of Billing in Northamptonshire, Knt. ; and 9. Millicent, to ——— Ogle, Esq.

18. Elizabeth Temple married Sir Henry Gibbs, of Hunnington in Warwickshire.

In the preceding genealogy, references were made in the margin to Dugdale's Warwickshire, p. 86, 87, 768, etc.—Stemma penes comitem Temple.—Burton's Leicestershire.—Vincent's Bucks, No. 138, 55. *b.* 56. *a.* in Offic. Arm.—Pat. 7. Ed. VI. p. 4.

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